GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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SETTING UP OF BIO FERTILIZER PLANTS IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has allowed the Krishak Bharati Co-operative Limited (KRIBHCO) to set up two bio- fertilizer plants in the co-operative sector in Gujarat;

(b) If so, the details and locations thereof alongwith the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;

(c) The name of the agency in Gujarat proposed to be associated with the projects;

(d) Whether the Government proposes to allow KRIBHCO to set up such plants in other parts of the country;

(e) If so, the details thereof; and

(f) If not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K.HANDIQUE)

(a)to(f): No approval of Government is required for setting up of Bio- fertilizer plant. However KRIBHCO on their own initiative has set up a Bio-fertilizer plant at Hazira Surat (Gujarat) with a total capital expenditure of Rs.120 lakh.

The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has sanctioned financial assistance of Rs.32.50 lakh (Rs.12.50 lakh in 1994-95 and Rs.20.00 lakh in 1997-98) under the National Project on Development and Use of Bio-fertilizers for setting up of bio-fertilizer unit by KRIBHCO at Surat, Gujarat. In addition, KRIBHCO has also set up one bio- fertilizer plant at Lanja (Maharashtra) and one at Varanasi (U.P.) without any financial assistance from the Government.